CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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receiving an announcement for metadata, wherein said announcement includes a metadata attribute and a first identifier for said metadata file;

receiving said metadata including a second identifier; and

5 if said Arst and second identifiers match, using said metadata for receiving 6 a video program or enhancement described in said metadata.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said announcement is compliant 2 with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said metadata attribute uses the 1 2 "a:type" parameter specified in a Session Description Protocol (SDP).
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said metadata is received as an 2 enhancement to a video signal.
- The method of claim 1, wherein said first and second identifiers are 1 5. 2 of a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) format.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said metadata further specifies a 1 pre-determined future time to which said video program or enhancement will be 2 available for receiving. 3
- 1 7. The method of claim 6, further including receiving said video 2 program or enhancement at said future time.

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1	8. The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving said metadata
2	comprises:
3	receiving an IP address included in said announcement, wherein
4	said IP address identifies a database in which said metadata is stored;
5	transmitting a request for said metadata to said database; and
6	receiving said metadata from said database.
1	9. A data structure, comprising:
2	an announcement including an attribute to announce metadata tha
3	provides information about at least one available video program or enhancemen
4	for receiving at a client receiver.
1	10. The data structure of claim 9, wherein said announcement is
2	compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.
1	11. The data structure of claim 10, wherein said announcemen
2	conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).
1	12. The data structure of clam 9, comprising an identifier for said
2	metadata.
1	13. The data structure of claim 12, wherein said identifier comprises a
2	Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).
1	14. The data structure of claim 9, wherein said session announcemen
2	comprises a network address for a database having stored therein said metadata.
1	15. The data structure of claim 14, wherein said network address
2	comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address. 042390.P8797 Patent Application Express Mail No. EL466331485US

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1	16. A source transmitter, comprising:
2	an interface to a communications link;
3	a memory; and
4	a logic circuit to transmit an announcement stored in said memory,
5	wherein said a nouncement comprises an attribute to announce metadata that
6	provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement
7	to be received at a dient receiver.
1	17. The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said announcement is
2	compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.
1	18. The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said announcement
2	conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).
1	19. The source transmitter of clam 16, wherein said announcement
2	comprises an identifier for said metadata.
1	20. The source transmitter of claim 19, wherein said identifier
2	comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).
1	21. The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said announcement
2	comprises a network address for a database having stored therein said metadata.
1	22. The source transmitter of claim 2, wherein said network address
2	comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.
1	23. The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said logic circuit
2	transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.
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1	24. A machine readable medium comprising:
2	software routine to cause a logic circuit to transmit an announcement
3	including an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at
4	least one available video program or enhancement for receiving at a client
5	receiver.
1	25. The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said
2	announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum
3	(ATVEF) standard.
1	26. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said
2	announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).
1	27. The machine readable medium of clam 24, wherein said
2	announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.
1	28. The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said identifier
2	comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).
1	29. The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said
2	announcement comprises a network address for a database having stored therein
3	said metadata.

The machine readable medium of claim 29, wherein said network

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address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

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